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Bishop Decries Environmental Assessment of Broadwater

Coram, NY - Congressman Tim Bishop today responded to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) draft environmental impact statement asserting that the proposed Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) platform would be deemed environmentally acceptable.

"While Broadwater has cleared a small hurdle, I remain strongly opposed and will work in the new Congress to block any attempt to industrialize Long Island Sound," Bishop said. "I'm not surprised that a commission hand-picked by the President to make sure LNG platforms are green-lighted chose to rubber stamp this environmental review."

"No facility similar to Broadwater has ever been constructed, so for FERC to suggest that we can assess the exact environmental consequences is purely speculative," Bishop added. "Common sense says that you cannot put an industrial plant in the middle of the Long Island Sound without damaging the environment."

In the May 2006, Bishop offered an amendment that would have blocked Broadwater's licensing proceedings from moving forward. Bishop has announced that he will re-offer that amendment in the upcoming Congress as a member of the House majority.

Broadwater Energy, a joint-venture between TransCanada Pipeline and Shell, proposes to locate a floating LNG terminal approximately nine miles off of the north shore of Long Island and eleven miles from the south shore of Connecticut. Broadwater previously indicated that the floating barge will be approximately the same size of the Queen Mary 2.

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